

Two of the biggest Paris banks are negotiating loan for Chinese republic. Government might as well quit.

Mrs. J. Pierp. Morgan has become anti-suffragist from seeing conditions in Colorado. What'd she want to judge by Colorado for? Conditions there are so rotten they sometimes surprise Coloradoans.

You will recall that Colorado is to blame for that ornament of the senate, Simon Guggenheim.

"My connection with iron ore came about through some unfortunate investments in the Northwest country," says Jawn D. Darn unfortunate investments—for the Merritts!

Also—"Just prior to the panic of 1893, values were inflated and many people who thought they were wealthy found the actual facts were quite different." Oh, yes!

Again—"I was fortunate in making the acquaintance of Rev. Frederick T. Gates." Thus, spoiling Rev. Gates' chance of heaven.

And yet—"I then arranged with Mr. Gates ("then" being after the Merritts had been bilked) to accept a position whereby he could help me unravel these tangled affairs and become, like myself, a man of business." Which Frederick has become.

W. A. Garrett, chairman Railway Managers' association, has formed set of rules to tell clerks how to become railroad presidents. Missed out most important—"First, steal the railroad."

Paul Jakech and John Ponich,

Sparta, Wis., fought duel with knives over girl. Paul dying. John held for attempted murder. B. M. Lewis, Golconda, Ill., went hunting with friends. He was a rich man.

"The United States today is blinded by money."—Dr. Herbert Friedenwald, N. Y. Not only blinded, Herb. Gagged, tied in a knot and jumped upon.

Alice Wickersham, Amite City, La., chorus girl, swallowed pin while dancing. The surgeons got there in time, and she will live.

Minneapolis just got on to the fact that paving trust gathered in \$40,000 too much on contracts with city, and the howl of Minneapolis can be heard in wilderness. What's \$40,000 between a trust and a city, Min?

Chas. Kimball, 55, wealthy Galesburg, Mich., farmer, blew into Detroit yesterday and demanded a wife. Taken to city hall and given choice of ten scrubwomen. Drew Mrs. Edith Cook, fat, fair and forty-five.

John D. may have got the Merritts' money. But at least the Merritts stayed honest.

Trolley line feed wire in N. Y. caught Bruno Schaly under chin as he sped down street in auto. Bruno sped out of car, but by some special dispensation of Providence, auto did not hurt anyone, nor was Bruno injured seriously.

Joseph Plutzer left \$100,000 to his body servant. What now of the old maxim: "No man is a hero to his valet"?